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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Call from Office of Management and Budget on H. R. 3946
(Hostile Fire Pay Bill for Civilians on Pueblo)

1. Mr. Victor Zafra, Legislative Analyst, Office of Management and Budget, called on the status of our supplement to our 29 September report on subject bill.

2. The request for a supplemental report had been made by Zafra on 1 October and is to include the Agency's views on the question of hostile fire pay, the benefits the Agency accords its employees in hazardous situations, and the general principles which the Agency feels should be applicable in those situations. Zafra said Navy is pushing for the clearance of their report on H. R. 3946.

3. I told Zafra our likely position would be that while we did not see a present need for general legislation on hostile fire pay, we do not object to the private relief bill which provides payment to the two civilian members of the Pueblo equivalent to the hostile fire pay received by the military crew members but that we would not want to foreclose the possibility of supporting related general legislation in the future if the need arises.

4. Zafra reiterated his statement of 1 October that he wanted our report to include the type of payments made by the Agency to individuals in so-called hostile fire situations, and I told him I believed that as a matter of principle we conform generally with the payment-benefits structure accorded other Federal employees in similar situations.

5. Zafra urged us to get our report in early next week and I told him we would do this.

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